

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
AGENDA  
September 19th, 2019  
4:30 P.M.**

- I. Agenda Changes
- II. Adoption of Minutes
  - 1. May 16th 2019
- III. Halloween Resolution
- IV. Domestic Violence Resolution
- V. Surplus Property
  - 1. Shotguns (8)
  - 2. Bicycles (3)
- VI. General Information
- VII. Town Council Agenda
- VIII. Next Meeting Date: October 17th, 2019
- IX. Adjournment

**Public Safety  
Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
September 19th 2019**

Mrs. Gulley called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Committee members present included Tina Gulley, Chairperson and Deborah Ball.

Also present: John B. Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Tim Sawyer, Chief of Police; Jon Morr, Building Official and Matt Kite, Commonwealth's Attorney.

**I. Agenda Changes**

There were no changes made to the agenda.

**II. Adoption of Minutes**

1. May 16th 2019

Mrs. Ball made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Gulley. Upon a unanimous vote the motion was approved.

**III. Halloween Resolution**

Mrs. Gulley read the resolution and stated that Halloween is on Halloween and asked for the resolution to be placed on the Town Council agenda.

**IV. Domestic Violence Resolution**

Mrs. Gulley asked for the Domestic Violence Resolution to be placed on the Town Council agenda.

**V. Police Department Surplus Property**

Chief Sawyer presented a list of surplus items and suggested that the shotguns be sold to a federal firearms licensed dealer and the bicycles should be donated to 4 Paws Thrift Store.

**VI. General Information**

1. Police Department Update

Chief Sawyer advised that there is a current resident that has some personality issues and during a recent incident a police officer was injured. The last time the resident was put in an adult protection program, West Point Police department stayed with the resident at a hospital for 17 hours before the patient was admitted for an evaluation in a care facility. The patient was release within 24 hours.

Chief Sawyer also stated that the department is 3 officers short with scheduling, but the department is handling it. One officer will be back at work next week, a second will be

back the following week. The drug task force has been active. Chief Sawyer also stated that the police department is partnering with the fire department for physical fitness. Since the passing of officer Harlow, it has been the goal of the department to work on physical fitness. The department will be handing out candy on Halloween.

2. Commonwealth's Attorney

Matt Kite, the Commonwealth's Attorney advised that he will have a presentation on the anatomy of a domestic violence case from start to finish for the October Town Council meeting.

3. Emergency Management

Mr. Edwards advised that in Virginia, VDEM, as outlined in the State Code recognizes emergency manage programs in towns with over 5,000 population except for the Town of Chincoteague. After further conversations with the Mayor, we can ask Delegate Hodges to sponsor legislation that would include the Town of West Point with the Town of Chincoteague in the State Code. As it is VDEM are not required to include West Point in emergency preparedness, West Point would need to go through King William County to take part in emergency planning.

Mr. Edwards suggested that Emergency Management be discussed at the Town Council Work Session with the rest of Town Council

**VII. Town Council Agenda**

Mrs. Gulley asked the Town Manager to place the Halloween Resolution, the Domestic Violence Resolution and the Surplus Property on the Town Council agenda.

**VIII. Next Meeting Date:** October 17th 2019

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mrs. Gulley adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

  
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Tina Gulley  
Chairperson

ATTEST:  
  
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Karen M. Barrow  
Town Clerk